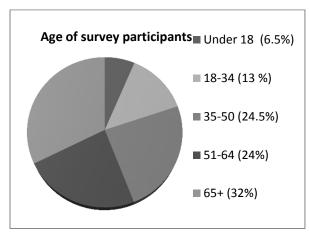
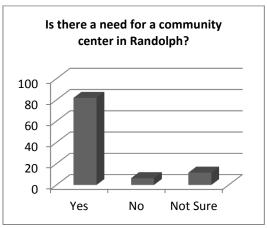
## REPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

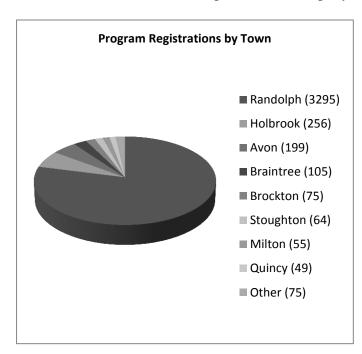
This past year experienced a major expansion for both the Recreation and Elder Affairs Departments. Over the last 12 months the two departments have worked together on our central mission of bringing quality programs and events to the residents of Randolph. Much of the focus of the collaboration centered around a feasibility study on bringing an Intergenerational Community Center to Randolph. This study, conducted by Abacus Architects, allowed for many public meetings at the James M. Hurley Senior & Veterans Center, Turner Free Library, Randolph Community Middle School, and the Randolph High School. In addition to meetings, Randolph residents were able to give input via a survey which had 582 participants.





## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

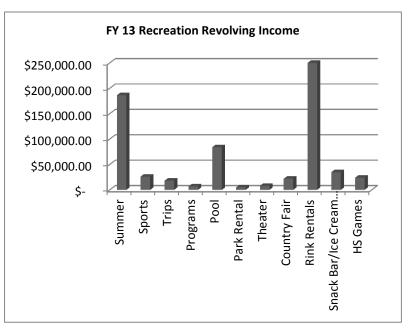
The Recreation Department's responsibilities are to oversee the operation of recreational programming throughout the Town of Randolph. The Recreation Department administers adult and children programs, educational and athletic activities, trips, and special events. In addition, our responsibilities include the operation and management of the Joseph J. Zapustas Ice Arena, the Randolph Community Pool, the Imagination Station Playground, Power's Farm, and The Randolph Theater Company.



Throughout the year, the Recreation Department continued providing a wide variety of programs for the community: February and April School Vacation Programs for grades K-6, a Boys and Girls Youth Basketball League, an instructional K-2 basketball program, a Father/Daughter Dance, theater productions, swim lessons, water aerobics and summer programs. Our three main summer activities include a daily program for children ages 3-6, a daily program for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders and as well a teen program for 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Throughout the year the Recreation Department generated over \$655,000. These funds are used to subsidize recreation programs, full-time and part-time staff, recreation facility maintenance, as well as utilities for the Zapustas Arena.

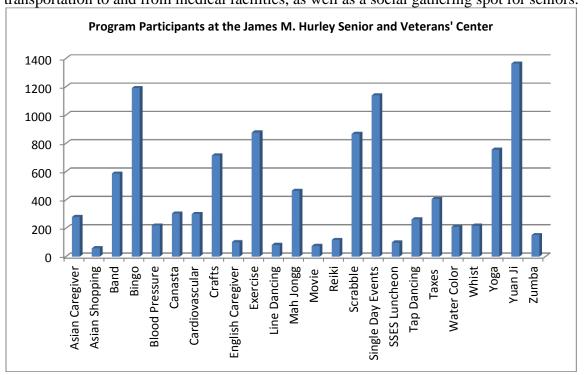
In 2013, we welcomed two new staff members: Brendan Sullivan, Zapustas Arena Manager and Terri Phinney, Pool Director. The Recreation



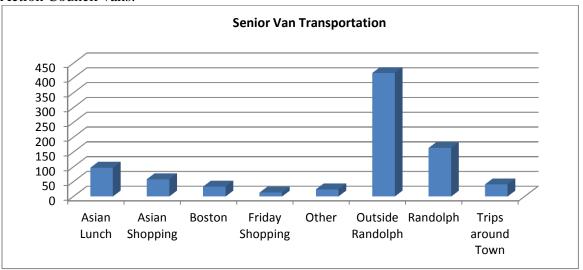
Department would like to thank our staff including the seasonal summer staff, the Randolph Theater Company volunteers, as well as the Board of Recreation Members: Afrika Mills, Raymond Carson, Jamal Griffin, Ron Jackson, Katrina Huff-Lamond, and Debbie Oullette, Chairperson. Thank you all for volunteering your time and dedicating yourselves, ensuring much success for our department.

## ELDER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Randolph Elder Affairs enhances the quality of life for Randolph residents who are at least 60 years old, as mandated by the Older American Act. Our goal is to provide for the physical, social, and emotional needs of seniors, helping them to lead independent, stimulating and self-reliant lives at home. Our Outreach Program and Senior Center provide a central delivery system for information, a wide variety of programs, transportation to and from medical facilities, as well as a social gathering spot for seniors.



In 2013, the Elder Affairs department hired a Grant Research Coordinator, Sandra Johnson, to seek out and apply for grants. These grants are essential to the operation of the Senior Center. Over the course of the year, grant money was used to provide two Outreach Workers, a Bi-lingual Friendly Visitor, Bi-Lingual Caregiver Support Services, office support staff, and over 20 programs or events. Additionally, a variety of grants cover medical transportation using our two senior vans and/or South Shore Community Action Council vans.



Over the course of the year we have held many events to support our seniors. In February we celebrated the Chinese New Year in Quincy We organized a Community Health Fair in September offering seniors a wide range of services in one location. In October we held our first Halloween Party with scary stories and even a costume contest. To close out the year, we were honored to host Tony DeBlois at our Senior Christmas Party seniors. All of these events were offered at little to no cost. In addition to these events the Elder Affair Department became an active participant in many Town-Wide events including the Night Before the 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Harvest Hoopla.

We would like to thank Panera Bread and Sudbury Farms for their continued support of the "Bread Program", which offers free bakery items at the Senior Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We would like to thank the senior community for their support especially Dot Sullivan, along with the rest of the Council on Aging as well as Brenda Margolis and the Friends of the Randolph Seniors. I would also like to express my gratitude towards the staff and volunteers of the James M. Hurley Senior and Veterans' Center for all their hard work and dedication to helping the seniors of this community. Finally, an additional thank you to Gayle Hymovitz who stepped down from her post in the office after 6 years of service to her community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marc Craig
Director of Community Programming